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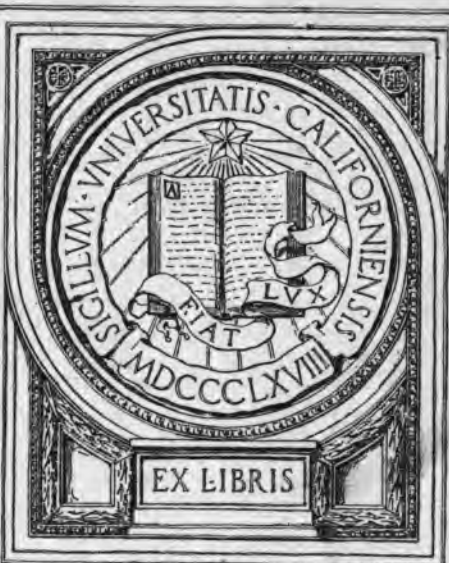


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- 1 The lecturer at first looks wise,  
Starts low then takes a riser,  
Then plunges forth in heated guise  
Then froths and spouts—*A Geyser.*
- 2 Succeeding verses show some nerve  
And possibly some fervor;  
Produced by William N. Meserve,  
A somewhat bold rhy*Me server.*
- 3 With verse the world is overflowed;  
Helps this to overload her?  
It's good and justifies the ode  
That yields a pleasing odor.
- 4 The sweet-breathed calla ever shall  
Delight us with its pallor;  
The author wrote this book in Cal.,  
The State that grows the calla.



- 5 Heaven's flag has waved since time began,  
We give it glad hosanna;  
To all things bad it is a ban,  
To all things good, a banner.
- 6 So much depends upon one's goal;  
Must be a self-controller;  
And every rightly ordered soul  
Less lunar is than solar.
- 7 'Twere better much the mouth to shut  
Than merely utter mutter;  
Whoever expletives with tut  
May some day stut-tut-tutter.
- 8 What mighty consequences cram  
Within some little clamor!  
It's often true, only a dram  
Preludes a shameful drama.
- 9 A fine gift is the gift of wit,  
Delightful, seldom bitter;  
Whose wisdom-lamp when brightly lit  
Reveals a world of litter.
- 10 Hats at attractive gold will doff  
As slips it in the coffer;  
They're seldom known to call it off  
Who have a golden offer.

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- 11 This puts you, snuffers in a huff;  
You rate *me* as a duffer;  
Reserve your venom for the snuff  
That puts *you* in the snuffer.
- 12 And still the serried armies grow  
And multiply the more;  
And to the front they quickly go  
To pour the more their gore.
- 13 Ne'er everlasting any calm,  
Appears in course some harmer;  
At proper sounding of alarm  
The wise are seen all armor.
- 14 In memory we ever shall  
Our mother dear recall her;  
Nor can there be an interval  
That will not hint her valor.
- 15 No use to treat it with disdain  
For nothing can be plainer,  
There is no power in weak champagne  
To make a strong campaigner.
- 16 There's much that loves the grovel groove,  
To move it needs maneuver;  
But all such takes a hasty move  
When dynamite's the mover.

- 17 Some matters rude may yield much good,  
Somewhat of good things cruder;  
No Lion lairs in lowly Jude,  
Press on to Him of Judah!
- 18 The sneak will always dog the great,  
Obsequiously a waiter;  
Possessing just the kind of trait  
That blossoms large in traitor.
- 19 No matter if the times are calm  
And soundless the alarmer;  
'Twere well to wear upon the arm  
Some good defensive armor.
- 20 I need but simply to allege  
Without the aid of wager  
That I was once an army maj.—  
No, not the Ursa Major.
- 21 On every hand is evidence  
That grows the while intenser  
That every one of good sound sense  
Should swing a heav'n-lit censer.
- 22 Whoever will may surely hear  
And hear it growing clearer,  
Comes sweetly whisp'ring to the ear  
A coming golden era.

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- 23 No doubt the world since time began  
Has had its propaganda;  
He's worshiper of old god Pan  
Who to his sins will pander.
- 24 Some learners have the quest in eye  
And show a strong desire  
To find what best will edify  
And hold a steady fire.
- 25 How gladly we strong drink eschew,  
We thirst for water pure;  
So boozing meets its Waterloo  
Before the water lure.
- 26 You'd better lay than raise a dust  
For nought is gained by bluster;  
When duty plainly says you must!  
Then all your forces muster.
- 27 'Tis grand to be iconoclast  
And tear things down the faster;  
Who stumbles on a bioplast  
Might need to buy a plaster.
- 28 It's churchly light that's chiefly bright  
And bleaches darkness whiter;  
The church when right is heaven's light,  
Beware how you do slight her.

- 29 The common scheme is take your ease  
And of yourself be pleaser;  
Be careful every prize to seize  
And so rank well with Caesar.
- 30 To think is more than "slinging ink,"  
A thinker's more than tinker;  
Significant is thin in think—  
The sloven of a thinker.
- 31 What cunning craft now skim the sky,  
Fulfilling man's desire!  
No bird so high may hope to fly  
Or spy a higher flyer.
- 32 Do not expect a man of rank  
For "rank and file" to hanker;  
As well expect a sandy bank  
To charm a handy banker.
- 33 So many youth go to the bad,  
Whatever could be sadder?  
On every side we see some lad  
Descend the moral ladder.
- 34 The wish above the earth to fly  
Denotes a good desire;  
Whoever gains the noble high  
Discerns a nobler higher.

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- 35 Much treatment by the world is rough  
And often hard to suffer;  
When treated to a hard rebuff  
Slip in a soft-word buffer.
- 36 The more around the world we rove  
And look its contents over  
The more we see how small is Jove,  
How infinite JEHOVAH!
- 37 Than prose or verse some things are worse,  
More need they an immerser;  
Much prose is gross and worse some verse  
And ditto vice versa.
- 38 The night-life makes you deviate,  
Of right-life makes you hater;  
Its wine-cup makes you scintillate  
And ever sin till later.
- 39 On every hand mankind agree  
And hold th' opinion clear  
That tho' one have an eye to see  
He may not be a seer.
- 40 The world is ever falling short,  
Their structures constant totter;  
Because they put in place of ought  
Lies soft as fur of otter.

- 41 If heaven is in your heart's intent  
And Christ is your Precentor,  
With Godly grief you must repent,  
Sow heavenly seed, reap, enter.
- 42 She, Virtue, tramples idols all,  
Is free from slavish collar,  
A long call past the reign of doll  
And empire of the dollar.
- 43 Her noblest deeds are not with foam,  
Writ small is her diploma,  
And yet her deeds for God and home  
Are epics for a Homer.
- 44 In things of taste she is acute  
And easily a tutor;  
Instinctive knows what best will suit,  
Who suit her best as suitor.
- 45 Construct of it a back-door mat  
Then tramp it to a tatter  
Because it is so low and flat,  
The stuff that's meant to flatter.
- 46 Be not we beg extravagant  
In foolish talk and banter;  
For Peace is e'er intolerant  
Of every folly ranter.

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- 47 To money bags men bend the knee  
Responsive to their cheer;  
If tempted with a greenback V  
They're seldom seen to veer.
- 48 Water on molten masses poured  
Is off in steam 'short order';  
Heroics of a tinner's sword  
Will effervesce like soda.
- 49 I like things warm with right good will,  
I love it not, a chiller;  
With all my faults I love me still—  
Small love for the distiller.
- 50 Some places need much more than chill,  
They need a barrel-spiller;  
Is wanted some one armed to kill,  
Some Jack the "joint" killer.
- 51 The world they say is derelict,  
Awaits a tone-up victor;  
Is wanted something to constrict,  
A mighty bo' constrictor.
- 52 We must to what is right be true  
And make foundations sure;  
By righteous standards we must do  
If what we do endure.



- 53 No one is rising to deny  
Unless some crusty crier—  
There's fire enough in brandy pie  
To blaze a funeral pyre.
- 54 As says the preacher-man to you  
So you should be a doer;  
For every rightly ordered pew  
Demands the Gospel pure.
- 55 The lash will make one's passions fly  
And set him all on fire;  
Yet nine and thirty on the eye  
Will not arouse his ire.
- 56 How simple is the primal act,  
How swollen by an actor!  
Things lessen some when they contract—  
Made big by a contractor.
- 57 Earth's probe is scarce beyond the edge,  
Heaven's search is with a dredger;  
Accounts of earth merely allege,  
On high is kept a ledger.
- 58 He's not beyond the childish stage,  
Can't pass the standard gauger,  
Who, worse then foolish, puts his wage  
Upon a wicked wager.

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- 59 Somewhat of what we may call mist  
Is seen in him, a mister;  
More myst-ery we do insist  
In her consists, his sister.
- 60 No longer wait but do it now,  
While still remains the power,  
To make and keep a sturdy vow  
Nought harmful to devour.
- 61 The earth by curse is set apart,  
The victim of foul barter,  
Whose drugs in Satan's fatal mart  
Make this poor world a martyr.
- 62 How many they who strut and flout  
In guises of the doubter  
Whose doubting doubtless shuts them out  
In darkness that is outer.
- 63 'Tis written large in Wisdom's book,  
'Twas folly that mistook her—  
'Tis gangrene to the eyes that look  
With greed on "filthy lucre."
- 64 'Gainst lust let all that's good and just  
All righteous forces muster;  
Forever every leering lust  
Denies the soul its lustre.

- 65 Things beautiful have mighty lure  
For him the long endurer;  
The pinch of little makes him poor  
And longing makes him poorer.
- 66 How easy is the step to take  
From rightness down to faker!  
How little are the things *we* make,  
Of great things God is maker.
- 67 To be or not to be said he,  
The bard of Avon, seer;  
With lapse of time 'tis not to be  
With those who booze on beer.
- 68 On heaven's highway no rogues may stalk  
Nor any thievish walker;  
In ocean depths there needs no lock  
On "Davy Jones's locker."
- 69 Success at making common bricks  
Requires a skilful mixer;  
Whoever tries at man's "best licks"  
Needs Gospel's best elixir.
- 70 At loneliness we make ado,  
No one shall us immure;  
Blest company e'er calls for two,  
Looks unto two to tour.

- 71 No day may ever need be dull,  
Of good it might be fuller;  
From Bible readings one may cull  
What gives to life its color.
- 72 To blazing fires consign the whip,  
Frown down the clown the whipper;  
All right when handy foot lets slip  
The fine corrective slipper.
- 73 The liar when he comes to die  
Must quiver in the fire;  
Yet heavenly melodies may lie  
Within a quivering lyre!
- 74 Some cunning rogues are coolly cute,  
Related to the looter;  
Forever seeking to impute  
Bright silver's worth to pewter.
- 75 This has no reference to you,  
You're better bred I'm sure;  
But some there are whose word is pooh!  
When asked to help the poor.
- 76 'Twere well to make and keep a vow  
To do what's in our power,  
To know how best to live and how  
To use the present hour.

- 77 Inclined is she to jeer and scoff  
When nothing comes as proffer;  
By word and action says, "hands off"—  
Unless a hand's the offer.
- 78 *Mahogany* has hog in view  
And much of pigment sure;  
'Twould surely make a funny chew  
But makes fine furniture.
- 79 Before great schemes 'twere well to bow  
And seek for needful power;  
Hare-brained are they who seize a scow  
The mighty seas to scour.
- 80 Some fight at dropping of a hat  
And rave with wicked clatter;  
And never end the foolish spat  
Till blood begins to spatter.
- 81 There is a gentle, harmless wit  
That cutely is a hitter;  
Unlike acidulated twit—  
More like some soft sweet twitter.
- 82 Admire we those who dare to fly  
And up to heights aspire;  
Who leave the ground and upward hie  
To sightly heights sky higher.

- 83 I knew a doctor, oft he chose  
To hitch his chair up closer  
That he might use his practised nose  
As truthful diagnoser.
- 84 Some things have rose-scent for the nose  
But to the eye brought closer  
Are least suggestive of the rose  
So hideous sub rosa!
- 85 If one should seek me to undo  
By mean discomfiture  
I'd put on him a size-small shoe  
To make my vengeance sure.
- 86 Sharp lunar caustic maketh whole,  
The body's swift controller;  
The sorer ailments of the soul  
Need caustic that is Solar.
- 87 Connecticut is ranked first rate  
By every commentator;  
The little nutmeg State is great—  
Near by she finds a gr(e)ater.
- 88 Have at them with a heavy maul  
Until enough! they "holler;"  
Who fan the fires of base base-ball  
Each one's a low bass bawler.

- 89 Great numbers have the tramping lust  
And move along with bluster;  
They show unnumbered specks o' dust  
On every "exoduster."
- 90 There is a word, 'tis full of glee  
And quite as full of cheer,  
A lovely word, begins with D,  
Completes itself in dear.
- 91 The ne'er-do-well who shows great lack  
And ever grows the slacker,  
He should be made to toe the crack  
Or hunger for his cracker.
- 92 Earth's noble prizes him await  
Who crosses his equator;  
He who's all talk, no operate,  
Is but a sorry prater.
- 93 Twixt wing and leg we instant know  
Which pleases us the more;  
Yet pass we by the flying crow  
And choose the running crower.
- 94 It is the never-changing lot  
To every son and daughter  
That what in childhood is a "tot"  
In age becomes a totter.

- 95 At dinner-time no one's inert,  
Is rarely found alerter;  
The advent of a good dessert  
Is marked by no deserter.
- 96 Exceeding great should be our care  
To be the right flag bearer;  
That as we on life's journey fare  
'Tis toward a region fairer.
- 97 What if what follows could be true  
'Twould make your fortune sure:  
The graces all are found in you,  
They all in you inure.
- 98 It's well with each man to go straight,  
A careful operator;  
Beware how you manipulate  
Or one may nip you later.
- 99 Don't fly into an angry heat,  
Much better to be sweeter;  
Give sugar taken from the beet  
Is better than to beat her.
- 100 That home is surely on the wise  
That's run by no mean miser;  
Among the best of happy ties  
Is found the appetiser.



- 101 He wants to do the handsome thing  
And studies what to bring her;  
He hesitates between a ring—  
Or, better still, a wringer.
- 102 He calls things ornamental, bosh!  
Declares they give him nausea;  
Such fol-de-rol he says wont wash—  
And so provides a washer.
- 103 Efficiency is found in few  
Whose promises are sure;  
A noisy, blustering ado  
Scarce represents a doer.
- 104 You give a glutton mild rebuff  
He'll turn on you the rougher;  
He's made of poorest kind of stuff  
Who's but a stomach stuffer.
- 105 Whoever lets his morals slip,  
The victim of a tripper,  
May sometimes do quite well to skip  
With some outsailing skipper.
- 106 With some we join in covenant  
And some we leave instanter;  
Whoe'er encounters can't and cant  
Should leave them at a canter.

- 107   Whoever is with notions filled  
      Will prove a foolish builder;  
      No matter how he may be willed  
      They'll surely him bewilder.
- 108   There is a great prize that is high  
      That any may acquire;  
      At first approach the prize as spy,  
      Then mightily aspire!
- 109   I seek for gold a thousand fine,  
      For Him the skilled Refiner;  
      The Bible is the mine, and mine,  
      If I serve well as miner.
- 110   When comes some buzzing scandal-chat  
      Give it no chance to scatter  
      But wipe it on the back-door mat  
      If 'tis a trifling matter.
- 111   The queens of song are singing on  
      And each has honors on her;  
      Whatever laurels they may don  
      Mary's the pre Madonna.
- 112   Your face against all gambling set  
      Or find yourself in fetter;  
      Great foolishness it is to bet;  
      Bet not, "you bet," you'd better.

- 113 Beware the heedless heartless crew  
Of whom each one is boor;  
Who, seeking to discomfort you,  
Work your discomfiture.
- 114 Low-spirited and dull are you,  
You hardly can endure?  
The Gospel gives to you a cue  
To point you to a cure!
- 115 We strongly urge you to be well  
And be a right good "feller;"  
But should it come, a feeble *spel*,  
Call in the—Webster speller.
- 116 The man of words we're apt to flout,  
Especially a shouter;  
What house can do without a spout,  
What town without a spouter?
- 117 The noisy world wears deep its rut  
And gossips wide its mutter;  
'Twere well to keep the mutter shut  
To sputter under shutter.
- 118 Admire we him who's boldly brave,  
We take him into favor;  
He launches forth and breasts the wave  
And calmly waives a waver.

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- 119 Not every one who on demand  
Is of big fish a lander;  
The man who wins a propagand'  
He is a proper gander.
- 120 Whatever instruments are in  
The dinner bell is winner;  
There is no music like the din  
That calls us in to dinner.
- 121 The fight is on, its heat is white,  
Incessantly grows brighter;  
And looks to see each neophyte  
Become a hero fighter.
- 122 Countless around are friends and foes  
"Like leaves in Val Ombrosa;"  
And how most properly to pose  
Quite often is a poser.
- 123 The highways of the world you try  
To see what they require;  
You Wisdom see, don't pass her by  
She'd have you be a buyer.
- 124 The wilful one who will not see  
The blindest does appear;  
And "deafar than a post" is he  
Who'll *pos'*tively not hear.

- 125 Forever since man's world began  
The food that takes the banner  
And is most prof'table for man  
Is heaven's soul-feeding manna.
- 126 'Tis good, yes, better is the best  
As seen by every tester;  
The grand superlative is est,  
Delightf'ly seen in Esther.
- 127 Some leading men, their names are blank,  
Took ship and nearly sank her;  
'Tis strange that men of highup rank  
Should show the lowdown rancor.
- 128 A "frozen smile" however bland  
Is to the true as slander;  
Like splendid fruitage when it's canned,  
If I may speak with candor.
- 129 Eureka! happily our feet  
Pursue the path discreeter  
If only happily we meet  
Attuned to common metre.
- 130 We search and come at last to see  
One Lord alone appear;  
To Him we gladly bend the knee;  
No other far or near.

- 131 He should be smitten on the kopf  
And sent to play the gopher;  
There's universal use for loaf  
But none at all for loafer.
- 132 We hear of ways the "drop" to drop,  
They're scarcely worth a copper;  
The real, royal way to stop  
Is stop the popping stopper.
- 133 Great joy to some is in a spat  
No matter what the matter;  
The luxury of "tit for tat"  
Precursor is of tatter.
- 134 Some get their passions all inflate  
And think their pleasure greater;  
Some others when they recreate  
List well to their Creator.
- 135 Heaven's Architect is heaven's Lord  
Declared by heaven's recorder;  
Before His mighty works we're awed,  
Spellbound to see their order.
- 136 Whate'er you have that's much at fault  
Is something good to alter;  
And music is not seen in salt  
Except you make it psalter.

- 137 When what you say gains a hurrah!  
Intending you to flatter  
The danger is that such *eclat*  
Degenerate to clatter.
- 138 Some little one may be anoint  
To join or be disjoiner;  
Some little sharp acute penpoint  
Is oft to great things pointer.
- 139 So much to master and to know  
And multiplies the more;  
The intellect starts strangely low—  
Climbs high while getting lore.
- 140 Earth's axis end has long been goal  
To tempt the eager stroller;  
'Tis claimed they've fairly reached the Pole—  
Now reach the star more polar!
- 141 Perfection's seat is 'way 'way back,  
'Tis difficult to track her;  
In almost everything is lack—  
Save putty or some lacquer.
- 142 A never ending faker host  
This poor world seems to foster;  
Impose a ruinous impost  
On every such imposter!

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- 143 Sailors are held both hard and fast  
Safeguard against disaster;  
The more they are "before the mast"  
The more behind the master.
- 144 Life's highway you are traveling on  
Can lead to endless honor;  
Fight on before your chance is gone,  
Fight on or you're a "goner"!
- 145 Low living loosely, lacking light,  
Of danger is inviter;  
Whoe'er is living under right  
Should seek heaven's Underwriter.
- 146 But little of the earth is tilled,  
Her beckoning hands bewilder;  
For things uncommon you are billed,  
Arise and be a builder!
- 147 You wish to find a happy home,  
A home that's no misnomer?  
'Twere worth the while to go aroam  
To find earth's best aroma.
- 148 In seeming innocence she's wrapt,  
Than she there's none that's apter;  
And when with picture hat she's capt  
She wears the airs of captor.



- 149 Maturing youth has boyish craze  
T'impress the casual gazer;  
A man's beard is his hope to raise—  
To fall before the razor.
- 150 Poor creatures we, we all aver,  
Tho' possibly in error;  
When our poor bodies they inter  
Will *we* be found in terra?
- 151 The spirit of all wars is mean,  
To spoil and render leaner;  
Where dispositions are irene  
Avoid they war's arena.
- 152 Whoever sees a pick'rel swish  
Instanter is a wisher;  
A first-rate place for fried fresh fish  
Is in the lingual fissure.
- 153 'Twere well our dark forebodings ceased;  
Let every one be feaster;  
For He who glories west and east  
Has glorified our Easter.
- 154 Invading firesides is no joke,  
It wakes the moody croaker;  
Who says: The nose that dares to poke  
Invites the handy poker.

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- 155 Look to the sky they proudly say,  
See suns on suns up there;  
That only is a "milky way"—  
Down here's a butter weigher.
- 156 Tobacco chewing's *down* to date  
And needs a swift abater;  
A chewer must expect to rate  
A vile expectorater.
- 157 Some women, few, strange garb assume  
Of whom 'tis said by rumor  
That they have lost their radiant bloom  
Who radiate in bloomer.
- 158 Behoooves me sure to be discreet  
And possibly be sweeter;  
Need not exhort me to be neat—  
I am a true "Bean Eater."
- 159 Each morning, noon and every e'en  
We seek the way that's cleaner;  
We crave that things that would demean  
Attack not our demeanor.
- 160 Keep calm and cool, be not extreme,  
Nor be a foolish dreamer;  
Have care, beware a fiery theme  
That brings on erythema.

- 161 Sweet sympathy we love to see  
And of it love to hear;  
Serves noble purpose "to a T"  
When glistened by a tear.
- 162 Let them who will some goddess serve  
With much or little fervor;  
More profit find I in *my* nerve  
Than aught from her, Minerva.
- 163 He measures but a little span  
Who never is a planner;  
He's "small potatoes" of a man  
Who nothing cares for manner.
- 164 So much the world develops sham,  
So much is merely glamour;  
So little like the noiseless clam  
So much like noisy clamor.
- 165 Awaits the world the garbage cart  
To ferret every quarter  
For slang just fairly floods the mart;  
To that the world is martyr.
- 166 He well deserves some handling rough,  
Should get it from a cuffer;  
When prowling 'round with sneezy snuff  
Efface him with a snuffer.

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- 167    There is a snake that's very bad,  
          Regard it from a ladder;  
          We'd rather it subtract than add,  
          That poison-dealing adder.
- 168    If one I know were only dumb  
          I'd welcome him as comer;  
          He comes, finds in my ear his drum  
          And plays the part of drummer.
- 169    Some marshall wildly all their force  
          And shout till they get hoarser;  
          Their veins swell up to varicose,  
          Their speech gets coarse and coarser.
- 170    You'd better her ill will abate  
          With some pacificater  
          Or else you'll find that lass irate  
          May use a lacerater.
- 171    Philosophers of great big eye  
          To giddy heights aspire;  
          But reach instead of heights, O my,  
          Such floundering depths o' mire!
- 172    Some kinds of hate are quite innate  
          Appearing soon or later;  
          You never can domesticate  
          A sour-dough masticator.

- 173    Looked far and wide on every side  
         My circle growing wider;  
         At last! I cried on having spied  
         A real web-foot spider.
- 174    In California they assign  
         Great value to the miner,  
         Requiring eighteen forty nine  
         To make one "forty-niner."
- 175    Far better not in danger go  
         Because you may deplore;  
         Much better not your small skiff row  
         Where heartless breakers roar.
- 176    Small brooks to mighty rivers lead,  
         The small to great is feeder;  
         How singularly small the seed  
         That grows a soaring cedar!
- 177    Of Bible people there's no end  
         Of those who evil render;  
         Among the many "which" offend  
         We note the witch of Endor.
- 178    In Death's hard hand the bow is bent  
         With arrow made to enter;  
         At given signal it is sent  
         And finds the mark at centre.

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- 179 With drunkards everything's aslant,  
They wobble as they saunter;  
Upon a drunken mendicant  
You find a men's decanter.
- 180 To see the mountains many go  
But soon have raptures more  
That multiply with O and Oh!  
At sight of golden ore.
- 181 On automobiles hear him dote,  
Owns one and is a gloater;  
The eye is mainly minus mote  
That rightly sees a motor.
- 182 Who drinks too much will soon or late,  
And sooner too than later  
Discover that a dizzy pate  
Attends a dissipater.
- 183 Out to the hay field blithe we go  
And give its work encore;  
At scythes we sigh that grass to mow,  
We'd rather less than more.
- 184 If comes he cooing like a dove,  
Persistently to hover,  
Then 'cause we dearly love to love  
We'll treasure such a lover.

- 185 He comes and gives your bell a ring,  
A wicked nuisance bringer,  
Just send him forthwith traveling  
Forbidding him to linger.
- 186 The risk by some is counted great  
By many a cordial hater;  
They counsel ne'er inoculate  
For fear it knock you later.
- 187 'Tis needful he should be acute,  
A very bull's-eye shooter;  
And more than commonly astute  
Who tongues the world as tutor.
- 188 Some writers into passion fly  
Which mounts up high and higher;  
In hard polemics versify—  
A controversy fire.
- 189 Some one has been so mean to you  
You never can endure?  
Before your final act to sue  
Just—dump it in the sewer!
- 190 You'll find him in his chosen clique  
Against all good a kicker;  
Of work he never does a lick—  
Save lick his lips for liquor.

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- 191 Some schools there are of low estate,  
Contending none is greater;  
Beware how you matriculate  
Or they may trick you later.
- 192 Into each others arms they fly,  
To blissful heights aspire,  
And dote upon the binding tie—  
Until the *parties* tire.
- 195 When you and I went off to school  
Our ardor soon grew cooler;  
Closely allied to proper rule  
We found the handy ruler.
- 194 Music hath power to quick the brain,  
A wonderful constrainer;  
Against some siren's sweet refrain  
Be a discreet refrainer.
- 195 I had a fowl and got his mate  
And gave her to a waiter  
To coop her and domesticate—  
That same domestic ate her.
- 196 Just as men sow they always reap  
And scarce a truth probes deeper;  
And they who scheme and get and keep  
Will some day get a keeper.



- 197 Much talk on talk will much befog  
And little good will augur;  
Contestants in such dialogue  
Will set their "heads a-logger."
- 198 I'm in for harmless sparks of fun—  
Blank cartridge kind of gunner;  
Materials and make home spun—  
A little weak Holmes punner.
- 199 Residing where volcanoes hiss  
You call it Buena Vista;  
Resembles much the kind of bliss  
Discovered in a blister.
- 200 He who as yet is but half-fledge  
Should carefully be hedger;  
Some people, instant to allege,  
No day book keep nor ledger.
- 201 'Twere ever well to guard the lip,  
Quick temper is a tripper;  
Whoever wears the shoulder-chip  
May soon feel far from "chipper."
- 202 Down, down they go in swath that's wide,  
A down that is not "eider;"  
Some drink themselves to suicide  
On alcoholic cider.

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- 203 Each one is hailed—wake out of trance,  
Press on a true advancer;  
Who never overcomes his can'ts  
Will breed a moral cancer.
- 204 But little does he wet the lip  
Who merely is a sipper;  
God, bountiful, would have him dip  
With heaven's great northern dipper.
- 205 We're in demand, myself and you,  
Respond we must for sure;  
The likes of us were always few,  
We fear we're getting fewer.
- 206 He eats at will and drinks at will,  
Of rightness is a killer;  
He won't do well but will sin till  
Of sense he's no scintilla.
- 207 For money many fume and fret  
And every one's a sweater;  
But riches sorrow will beget—  
Go slow's the better getter.
- 208 The distance short and short the time  
And all of it sublimer—  
He comes to every kind of clime,  
The aviating climber.

- 209 You write, you think, a melody  
Expecting cheers t'appear;  
You feel quite sure of eulogy—  
They give to you low jeer.
- 210 Your mouth-marks seem to indicate  
That you have played the traitor;  
And if it was in sin you ate  
They are insinuator.
- 211 Mean gossip hath an aftermath  
That to great harm is father;  
Be sure and "tell it not in Gath"  
Nor where the gossips gather.
- 212 She is so cute and elegant,  
So ready for a banter!  
Beams on us with a charming chant,  
Is charmer and enchanter.
- 213 The way of indolence forsake,  
It is a trouble-maker;  
One way to dissipate its ache  
Is, cultivate your acre.
- 214 We dearly love the modest beau  
Who never is a bore;  
Unlike the man of wordy flow  
Who takes and holds the floor.

- 215 To stuff their stomachs many give  
The labor of a beaver;  
But they who merely eat to live  
Fear no rebellious liver.
- 216 Hard disappointment in the main  
Meets him, a poor maintainer;  
Whoever will "try, try again"  
Is apt to be a gainer.
- 217 The world is full of base "clap trap"  
And people merely dapper;  
Whose eyes mayhap have endless snap,  
Whose tongue is mostly snapper.
- 218 Time flies and ever fatefully  
And brings your ending near;  
Give careful heed and listen ye!  
Is this your fateful year?
- 219 In prophecy the proper way  
Is list the true purveyor;  
It matters little what *I* say,  
List well what says Isaiah!
- 220 So much we need a pleasing tact  
So much life's pleasing factor!  
It proper is to be exact—  
But not a hard exactor.

- 221 In Paul's great splendid three ranks one  
Passed by by many a shunner;  
FAITH greatly helps life's race to run,  
Wings on the faithful runner.
- 222 One virtue helps us to be brave,  
Forbids that we should waver;  
HOPE has ability to save  
And has the heavenly savor.
- 223 HOPE has a crown, a fadeless wreath  
Of sweet celestial heather;  
Transcends whate'er is found beneath,  
Its heath has e'er been ether.
- 224 The greatest of Paul's royal three,  
It floods the world with cheer;  
It rhymes with dove and ends with E,  
So pleasing to the ear.
- 225 You'll find it no uncommon fate  
As seen by common data;  
Men wide and wider still dilate—  
Dilating still, die later.
- 226 The hungry tramp his wits must use  
To circumvent abusers;  
He begs and what he gets he chews  
Tho' "beggars can't be choosers."

- 227 No need to be a pachyderm  
Nor ever much to murmur;  
The way to stand in terror firm,  
Stand on God's terra firma!
- 228 To make adjustments study hard,  
Such study is rewarder.  
'Twere well indeed to preen with nard  
Lest something dampen ardor.
- 229 Life's problem largely is to thrive  
And each must be contriver;  
Who gains from business would derive  
Not driven is but driver!
- 230 It's better to avoid the path  
Where evil forces gather;  
Escape we should the path of wrath  
And choose the peaceful rather.
- 231 The mind diseased wrecks not a few  
Whose ailments are obscure;  
He happy is who gets the cue  
That leads up to a cure.
- 232 Bright minted gold men love to see  
And, getting, hold it dear;  
A freshly issued greenback V  
Most people will revere.

- 233 Beware the swagg'ring loafer chap,  
His goods aren't worth the wrapper;  
He isn't worth a rag-man's scrap  
Who poses as a "scrapper."
- 234 Your bumptious boy himself "allows"  
He classes with the rousers;  
Is more than average he throws—  
He pants to trundle trousers.
- 235 The sword is emblem of a fight,  
A tooth denotes a biter;  
What smites and conquers left and right  
Is pencil of a writer.
- 236 To see some things of sharp dissent  
Forbid by conscience-mentor  
Should paint the face of any gent  
The color of magenta.
- 237 You never need go far to find  
A prevalent reminder  
That they are blindest of the blind  
Whose eyelid is their blinder.
- 238 It may be nice to "chew the rag"  
And banter with a swagger;  
You'd rather ride a crow-bait nag  
Than auto with a nagger.

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- 239 Be careful what you put on file  
Else you may please the smiler;  
And only swell the scrapman's pile  
For he is chief compiler.
- 240 There is a sect that worries me,  
An insect 'tis, severe;  
I only need to see the flea  
And you would see the fleer.
- 241 In raising dust there is some risk  
But if it need be brisker  
'Tis this would make a royal whisk,  
A tattler's busy whisker.
- 242 'Twere better much to be recluse  
Than be a license user;  
Whoe'er in moral things is loose  
Is sure to be the loser.
- 243 Around and 'round is busy blat,  
A never ending clatter;  
For what they say and call it chat  
Related is to chatter.
- 244 To strongest ranks do vict'ries go?  
Not so says hist'ries' lore;  
Oft victor he who daunts the foe  
E'en tho' they number four.



- 245 By no means is't an eagle scream  
Or fancy of a dreamer;  
The Stars and Stripes command esteem  
On land or on a steamer.
- 246 There is a prize for him who tries,  
A diligent deviser;  
He's poorly wise if penny-wise,  
Arise! get wise and wiser.
- 247 'Tis nice upon the sea to go  
And sail it o'er and o'er;  
But fatally there is no show  
Unless there is a shore.
- 248 There is a way to walk upon  
Where's found no low-bred scorner;  
Where one may struggle on and on  
And win the crown of honor.
- 249 In life's career small chance for halt  
Nor much its course to alter;  
And greatly is a man at fault  
Who finds a chance to falter.
- 250 She seeks a hero, that's no sin  
Because 'twas born within her;  
She needs to be a heroine  
To be a hero winner.

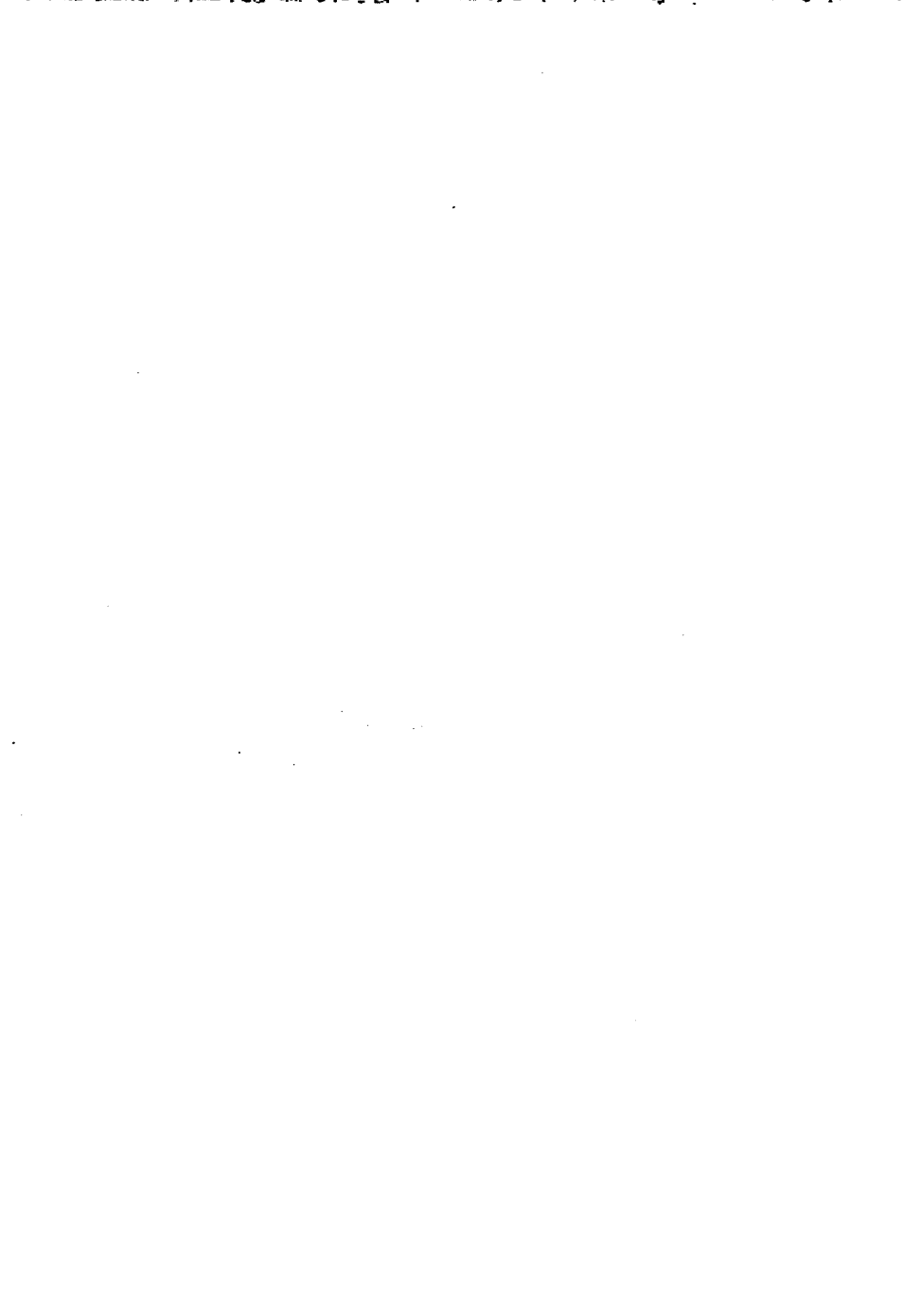
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- 251 It's hard to know just where you're at  
In statecraft's tangled data;  
It takes a cunning diplomat  
To probe a deep-low matter.
- 252 They're not a few we should defend,  
Glad service we should render;  
To such we kindly should attend  
Whose hearts are torn and tender.
- 253 It's scarce a tragedy to die  
So common to expire;  
The bloody cross, *that* makes me sigh  
Rememb'ring the Messiah.
- 254 How royal is the noble trend  
Of those who rightness render!  
And come they to a glad, glad end  
And more than glad addenda.

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